

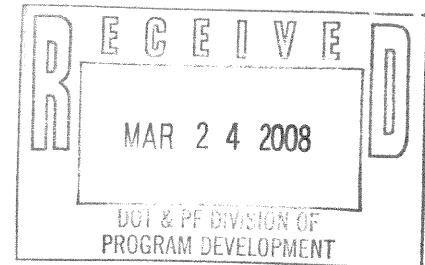
# ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF

■ KING COVE ■ SAND POINT ■ AKUTAN ■ COLD BAY ■ FALSE PASS ■ NELSON LAGOON

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Ref: STIP, 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment, 2007-2009  
Project #17902, King Cove to Cold Bay Corridor

Dear Mr. Ottesen:

The above referenced project has once again failed to be included in the STIP. The original project, the hovercraft building, was to be built in 2005 to support the hovercraft. However, because the Aleutians East Borough ran into a problem completing the road to the northeast corner of Cold Bay, it requested that it be dropped from the STIP and the current project substituted to complete the road to the northeast corner. Understandably, the funds reserved for the hovercraft building were reprogrammed by DOTPF.

The current description shows that other state funds are being used to complete the environmental work and design for this project. However, there is no date established for construction of the project. Once the design is completed, the project will be ready for construction as the right-of-way and all of the permits were secured by the AEB. We expect to be bid ready by this time next year at the latest.

The AEB requests a re-scoring of the King Cove to Cold Bay Corridor Project and inclusion of the project for a construction start in FFY 09. If this is not possible, the amended STIP should reflect the anticipated construction costs occurring after FFY 09. The STIP sheet currently depicts the project as an earmark. This designation is not correct and should be deleted.

Sincerely,

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